

Suffolk Regional Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes  
5268 Godwin Blvd.  
Suffolk, VA

February 11, 2014

Committee Members Present:

- Steven Alexander, Chair
- Yvonne Green, Co-Chair
- Nora Butler

Others Present: Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate

SRLHRC Affiliates Present: Baker's Home, Inc. (Claudette Jones, Stephanie Olds), Better Care Family Homes, Inc. (Dr. Pedro Becerra), Braley and Thompson, Inc. (Dana Peprah), Citadel Family Services, LLC (Brian Glover), Quality Care Community Services, Inc. (April Campbell), Abilities Beyond Disabilities (Juliet Sawi, Sebrina Edwards), Rehobeth Residence (Cheral Dixon), Sentara Obici Hospital (Dana Miller), Sisters Developing Growth and Change, LLC (Zenda Whitley-Jones, CEO), Visions Community Services, LLC (Eulamae Myers, Iris Blocker), Western Tidewater Community Services Board (Cheryl Collier), Zuni Campus – Presbyterian Homes (Juliette Batten, Byron Nagle)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- ✓The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alexander at 8:45 AM.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- ✓ Mr. Alexander informed all in attendance that he would be leaving early.

Mr. Alexander asked all in attendance to introduce themselves and to indicate their role or respective organization.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ✓Mr. Alexander asked for approval of the Nov. 12, 2013 minutes with modifications.

Darlene Rawls with Western Tidewater Community Services Board asked for a name correction.

The minutes were approved with the corrections.

Mr. Alexander asked for approval of the Oct. 17, 2013 Sub-Committee Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Alexander asked for approval of the Jan 7, 2014 Sub-Committee Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- ✓Mr. Alexander asked if anyone from the public was present and wishes to make any comments.

None were present.

V. NEW AFFILIATE:

Mr. Daye announced that Pawsitive Counseling Services has requested affiliation.

Mrs. Boyette-Watson gave a brief description of the services provided by Pawsitive Counseling Services.

Ms. Green motioned to accept Pawsitive Counseling Services as a new affiliate. The motion was seconded and approved.

## VI. REGIONAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT:

Ms. Green made a motion that #14 of the Program rules of Pawsitive Counseling Services be removed and put into the ISP of individuals. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Daye and Mrs. Butler made recommendations to changes in Behavior Management Policy, EMS response times and Seclusion policy of Pawsitive Counseling Services.

The revised Behavior Management Policy must be presented to the Committee for approval.

Mrs. Butler suggested that Western Tidewater Emergency Services be contacted to discuss the needs of Pawsitive Counseling Services, their response time for emergencies and how they can work together.

Mr. Alexander motioned that the committee defer action on the Behavior Management Policy for Pawsitive

Counseling Services until changes can be made. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Daye commented that DayJoy, Inc. was still not licensed per his conversation with licensing on yesterday. Action on the Program Rules of DayJoy Inc. were deferred at the time of the Sub-Committee

Meeting on Jan 7, 2014. The Program Rules were received after the Sub-Committee meeting. Mr. Daye made recommendations to changes needed in the Program Rules for DayJoy Inc.

Mr. Daye reminded all members that 4th Quarter and Annual Reports are due and that 1st Quarter Reports are due at the next meeting on May 13, 2014. If Annual Reports were not presented today, they may be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Daye reminded all members that there is a new format for Quarterly Reports for 2014, that a summary must be presented along with the Quarterly Report.

Mr. Alexander announced that Quality Community Supports Inc. has requested a name change to Abilities

Beyond Disabilities. There are no changes in services or location and they request continued affiliation. A Motion by Ms. Green to change the name of Quality Community Services, Inc. to Abilities Beyond Disabilities with continued affiliation. The motion was properly seconded and approved.

Mr. Daye recommended one change to the Program Rules for Abilities Beyond Disabilities. Ms. Green Motioned to accept the Program Rules with the amendment for Abilities Beyond Disabilities. The motion was properly seconded and approved. Mr. Daye informed Abilities Beyond Disabilities that under their Behavior Management Policy, they needed to submit a Time Out Policy.

Mr. Alexander excused himself from the meeting at 9:37 am and Mrs. Green took over.

## VII. PROGRAM 4th Quarter UPDATES and HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS:

Zuni Campus – Presbyterian Homes & Family Services: Mr. Nagle submitted the quarterly report. There was 1 abuse allegations. Affiliate served 41 consumers. A closed session was requested.

Western Tidewater Community Services Board: Ms. Collier submitted the quarterly report. WTCSB serviced 2,752 this quarter. There were no allegation of abuse and neglect.

Visions Community Services, LLC: Ms. Myers reported that Visions served 20 individuals in the Day Support and 17 Sponsored Residential Services this quarter. There were no complaints or human rights violations and no incidents of abuse and neglect this reporting period. A closed session was requested.

Sisters Developing Growth and Change: Ms. Jones reported that there were no allegations of abuse and neglect. Program served 1 consumer this quarter.

Sentara Obici Hospital: Ms. Miller reported there were no complaints made regarding Human Rights violations during this quarter. 101 consumers were serviced this quarter.

Rehobeth Residence: Ms. Dixon reported that there was 1 case of abuse or neglect and requested a closed session.

Abilities Beyond Disabilities: Ms. Sawireported that affiliate serviced 33 consumers. There were no complaints or human rights violations and no incidents of abuse and neglect this reporting period.

Quality Care Community Services, Inc.: Ms. Campbell reported there were no complaints of human rights violations or allegations of abuse/neglect this past quarter. They are currently serving 5 individuals in their In-Home program.

Citadel Family Services, LLC: Mr. Glover reported there were no allegations of abuse or neglect. They served 13 consumers.

Brale and Thompson: Ms. Peprah reported they had no incidents of consumer rights violations this reporting period. They served 1 consumer.

Better Care Family Homes, Inc.: Dr. Becerra reported that there were no allegations of abuse or neglect. They are currently serving 16 individuals. A closed session was requested.

Baker's Home, Inc.: Ms. Jones submitted their quarterly report. There were no allegations of abuse and neglect. Consumers serviced: MHS – 103; PSR- 90; PHP – 0; Day Treatment - 0

VIII.OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Daye reminded everyone that there is still a vacancy on the committee since Oct.

and needs to be filled soon. Mr. Daye stated the requirements for the position and reminded everyone

that 3 of the 5 positions on the committee are mandated by the Code of Virginia. Mr. Daye also informed

everyone that a 6 month vacancy must be reported to the state committee.

Mr. Daye reminded everyone that Mr. Alexander's position on the committee expires on June 30th.

IX.NEW BUSINESS: The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2014 at WTCSB at 8:30am.

#### X.EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:35AM, the SLHRC made a motion and the Committee voted to go into Executive Session (Closed Session) per VA Code 2.2-3711A to discuss client information exempt from public disclosure for the purpose of reviewing abuse, serious injuries and behavioral plans for the following programs:

- oZuni – Presbyterian Homes
- oRehobeth Residence
- oVision Community Services
- oBetter Care Family Homes, Inc.

The SLHRC voted to come out of closed session at 11:28 AM. Upon reconvening in Open Session, each

member of SLHRC certified that, to the best of each Committee Member's knowledge, only public business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only public matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in accordance to Virginia Code 2-2-3711A., concerning the above referenced programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✓Zuni – Presbyterian Homes: No recommendations.
- ✓Rehobeth Residence: No recommendations
- ✓Visions Community Services, LLC: No recommendations
- ✓ Better Care Family Homes recommendations:
  1. Provide Diagnosis for Mr. J.S.
  2. Remove references to Karate videos from treatment plan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Amy Smith Better Care Family Homes, Inc.